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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed on September 10, 2002, having a three-month period of response, please amend as follows. Applicants also concurrently petition for a one-month extension for the period of response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claim(s):

16. (new) A gas generator for a vehicle occupant protection system comprising:
an elongated housing having a predetermined length and having a first end and a second end;
a plurality of gas exit orifices spaced along the length of said housing;

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